# CASE IS DISMISSED AT COST OF CITY

Judge Shackelford Disposes of Annexation Proceedings in Short Order.

### QUESTION OF APPEAL TO BE DECIDED BY COUNCIL

City Attorney Massie Has Heard Here Yesterday-Court's Rea ne for Ruling Not Defined.

"I don't think the city needs this territory. I don't think the annexation is necessary, therefore am going to dismiss this motion at the cost of the city."

In these few words and without attempting to define reasons for his conclusion, Judge George Shackelford, of Orange county, sitting in the Circuit Court of Warwick County by the governer's designation, yesterday avening shortly after 60'cock disposed of the annexation proceedings through which the city of Newport News is endeavoring to extend its limits 20 as to take into the corporate limits 21 of the territory now in Elizabeth City and Warwick counties lying between the present limits and James river, Hampton roads and Salter's creek.

City Attorney Massie was given thirty days in which to file a bill of exceptions in the event it is decided to appeal the case. Mr. Massie will juy the matter before the city council and ask for instructions as to whether or not he shall take the case to the Supreme Court.

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The court's decision came as a distinct surprise to practically everybody who has followed the case, probably not even excepting counsel for the parties defendant. The general expectation had been that the court would extend the limits so as to take in at least a small part of the territory proposed to be annexed.

The decision was handed down and the order was being drawn within three minutes after Mr. Massie had concluded his closing argument. The judge prefaced his brief ruling by stating that he did not want counsel to think he was making light of the case because he decided it now; that he had just spent five days listen light of the case because he decided it now; that he had just spent five days listen light of the case because he decided it now; that he had just spent five days listen light of the case because he decided it now; that he had just spent five days listen light of the case because he decided it now; that he had just spent five days listen light of the case because he decided it now; that he had just spent five days listen light of the case because he decided it now; that he had just spent five days listen light of the case because he decided it now; that he had just spent five days listen light of the case because he decided it now; that he had just spent five days listen light of the case because he decided it now; that he had just spent five days listen light of the case because he decided it now; that he had just spent five days listen light of the case because he decided it now; that he had just spent five days listen light of the case because he decided it now; that he had just spent five days listen light of the case because he decided it now; that he had just spent five days listen light of the case because he decided it now; that he had just spent five days listen light of the case because he decided it now; that he had just spent five days listen light of the case because he decided it now; that he had just spent five days listen light of the case because he decided it now; that he

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e annexation proceedings were
orized by the city council last
ember. After various delays oc-September. After various delays oc-casioned by the technicalities brought into play by the resourceful counsel for the parties defendant, the city finally succeeded in getting a hearing on the merits of the case two weeks ago at Warwick Court House. War-wick and Ellizabeth City counties, the Old Dominion Land Company and about sixty residents of the territory in Warwick county proposed to be an-nexed were made parties defendant, and then five days were spent in and then five days were spent in learing evidence. When all the evidence was in, the court adjourned to econvene here yesterday to hear the organient.

Lord" ... Handel ... Handel ... Solo—"Immorality" ... Shepperd ... Shepperd ... Shepperd ... Selection—"Come Unto Me"—

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Frish avenue section, upper Chestnut avenue, Dawson city and the Chesa-peake & Ohio rallway property south of the present limits. He contended that while the city had no use for the farm lands below the present limits, Hampton Roads and Salter's creek formed a natural boundary line. He went on to say, however, that what the city wanted was the people, and that the court could fix the boundary as it chose. Mr. Massie scored the Old Dominion Land Company for the position it has taken in this matter.

"Santification by Annexation."
Counsel for the counties argued that
was neither advisable or expedient
annex the proposed territory,
hey argued that the city of Newort News had all the territory it They argued that the city of Newport News had all the territory it needed or was in position to take care of, and that the counties are now giving the territory involved first class government. Counsel for Warwick laid particular stress upon the extent of the taxable values proposed to be taken away from the small county. Mr. Read made light of the contention that it is necessary to take in Bloodfield, and created considerable amusement by declaring that he never before had heard of "sanctification by annexation." Mr. Read and his associates had a good deal to say about esciates had a good deal to say abo the financial condition of the cit "retrenchment" being mentioned fr

quently.

Too Solicitious About City.

In his reply Mr. Massie referred to the financial condition of the city as described by the chairman of the finance committee of the city council and asked that the court remember that the board of aldermen by unanimate the court of the city council and the court remember that the board of aldermen by unanimate that the court of the council by the council

# FIRST CONGERT TODAY

Following is the program for the concert today: Chorus—"Thine is the Kingdom

Glee Clubs. Gau

Solo-'If With All Your Hearts" Mr. George Murray.

Scripture read. Chorus—'And the Glory of the Lord" ... Ha

"Come Unto Me"—
Broelick
Male quartette.

ing" ...... Haydn Glee Clubs, Solo—'He Shali Feed His Flock"

Mrs. Edgar M. Hall.

"Magnify Glorify" .... Root

# ON EIGHTEENTH STREET

Being Killed.

Developing a sudden case of hydroobia, a buil dog belonging to Edwin Vaughan went on a rampage on ighteenth street near the River Road resterday morning, scaring a number of men and women and biting several other dogs. Patrolman, Livezey was called to the scene and shot the mad

After killing the bull dog, Officer Livesay made a search for the other dogs that had been bitten, but he was unable to find any of them. Another dog with all the symptoms of hydrophobia was seen at West avenue and Twenty-fourth street, but, after attacking one or two canines, he made off before an officer could reach the scene.

The dog catcher will begin work to-morrow morning and all canines which are not muzzled and tagged will be picked up and put in the city round.

REYNOLDS BROS, write Fire in-irance. See "ad." 10.

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# MANY PAY ON LAST DAY

About Two Thousand Voters Now Qualified.

PRUBABLY NO PRIMARY

fied to participate in the congression al election which is to be held in the First congressional district in November. This is more than six hundred in excess of the number of vot era qualized to take part in the municipal election to be held in this city

next month.

About 2,300 voters were qualified to take part in the State election last fall, but that number was the greatest number to qualify since the new constitution was approved. Yesterday was the last day on which the voters could pay up their taxes and their was a rush at the office of Ciry Treasurer Curtis during the morning satterly afternoon. and early afternoon.

and early atternoon.

Present indications are that there will be no primary in the First congressional district in August as no one has yet come out in opposition to Congressman William A. Jones. However, the Republicans very probably will put a candidate in the field against Mr. Jones this fail.

### Vaudeville and Pictures

leadline the bill at the Academy for he coming week. This comedy quartette, said to be one of the best in vaudeville, offers mirth and melody in pleasing variety, and ought to rove an attractive drawing card for the coon and the sweel gal," put on a con shouting comedy sketch hat comes to the Academy recommended

ag of the highest grade.
Carroll, "the jail-breaker," com-pletes the vaudeville program.

The moving pictures Monday and Tuesday will be especially good and among others, "The Clay Baker," an intensely interesting subject will be shown. As usual, new acts will come in on Thursday to make a change in the program for the latter half of the week.

"Is Marriage a Failure" at the Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Murry Smith will present a comedy sketch entiled, "Is Marriage a Failure" at the Bell theater this week. This team comes highly recommended, and it is ecpected that their turn will make i hit with the patrons of the Bell.

Ladon and Varetta, two "rubes who formerly were of "The Three Marvels," put on an act that is said to be far above the average. They carry their own scenery, and they made the hit of the bill in Norfols and Portsmouth theaters last week.

Duke, "the pony that does everything but talk," will be the third vaudeville feature of the Bell's bill ouring the first three days of the week. A little ventriloquism is said to add to the Duke's act.

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As usual, the program will include a number of selected moving pictures.

### CHURCHES TO OPPOSE **GRANTING OF LICENSES**

Negro Congregations in Bloodfield Re

ar May term of the Circuit Court of matter of granting liquor licenses saloon keepers expired on May 1 and since that time the saloons in

Bloodfield have been officially closed.

The congregation of the Zion Baptist church and Wesley Grace Christian church, which are near Bloodfield, have retained Attorney W. J.
Nelms to oppose the granting of the
licenses to the Holmes, Nachman and
Freeman saloops in Bloodfield.

Attorney J. T. Newsome, colored, will appear before Judge Tyler to oppose the granting of any liquor licenses in the negro section of East

Baltimore Grain Market,
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NOTICE

A meeting of British subjects will be held at residence of the under signed, 3501 West avenue, foot of Thirty-firth street at four p. m. Sanday 8th instant., for the purpose of framing a set of resolutions, of condolence, to be forwarded to our widowed Queen.

JAMES HAUGHTON, article Vice Consul.

### SOCIAL-PERSONAL

Mrs. Frederick Palen entertained charmingly at cards Friday afternoon at her home on Forty-ninth street. The house was tastefully decorated with roses and the rose design was carried out in the arrangement of the refreshments, the salads and ices being artistically formed. Assisting Mrs. Palen in receiving were: Mesdames H. E. Parker, Harold Norton, J. Winston Read, Saxon W. Holt, A. St. Clair Smith, Homer L. Ferguson and W. R. Aylett. Bridge whist was played, the guests filling nine tables. Mrs. Edward J. Patton was awarded first honors; Mrs. A. L. Powell the second, while the cobsolation went to Mrs. J. Winston Read. charmingly at cards Friday afterno

Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Applewhite and infant daughter left yesterday for Suf-folk, where they will visit relatives. Mrs. Applewhite and the baby will remain in Suffolk for two weeks.

Rev. E. T. Wellford and Mrs. Wellford returned yesterday from Alexan-dria, where they spent two weeks, Mr. Wellford conducting a revival service in that city

Miss Alice Allman, who has been visiting relatives in Elizabeth City. N. C., has returned home.

Miss Mary Dolliver has returned from Richmond, where she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. N. H. Har-

Miss Grace Coleman, of Norfolk, is the guest of her cousins, the Misses Coleman on Huntington avenue.

Miss Mildred Davidson, who has been visiting relatives in Baltimore and Washington, has returned home.

Miss Blanche Elliott has returned from a visit to relatives near Scotts-ville, Va.

Miss Margaret Kling, who has been visiting relatives in Philadelphia, nas returned to her home in this city. She was accompanied by her grandmother, Mrs. M. F. Fletcher.

Miss Beatrice Irving has returned from Elmira, N. Y. where she was the guest of relatives. Mrs. Robert G. Ketlin, her sister, accompanied her home and will be her guest here.

Miss Margaret Everett, who has been visiting relatives in Alexandria and Fredericksburg, has returned

Mary Reese has returned visit to relatives in Albany,

John W. Daniel Chapter.

The regular meeting of the John W. Daniel Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held at "The Gloucester" Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Important business relating to the home for needy Confederate women is to be discussed and a full attendance of the members is Avnected.

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